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FOR: ACYCLIC AND CYCLIC GUANIDINE- AND ACETAMIDINE DERIVATIVES, THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR USE AS

PESTICIDES, ESP. AS PARASITICIDES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying the application are being filed on the date indicated below. This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application 10/348,574 which has been allowed. The filing of this divisional application is timely.

Enclosed are a copy of the patent application, Information Disclosure Statement, Application Transmittal and Fee Cover Sheet, a copy of the Declaration from the parent application, and an Application Data Sheet.

Below are amendments to the claims and to the specification. The Remarks section follows.

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as indicated below in advance of calculation of the filing fee.